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1. Dr. Jaroslav Dolansky, Communist Minister for Finance in the Czechoslovak Cabinet, has stated that he is certain the Communists will gain six to eight Parliamentary mandates in Slovakia during the next elections as a result of prolonged Communist agitation there. He also believes that Bohemia-Moravia will give the Communists at least two additional seats in the National Assembly when the next elections are held.
2. Dr. Dolansky continues to regard the National Socialists as the Communists' most serious competitor, and feels that they may poll as many as 100,000 more votes than they did at the May 1946 elections. However, he is sure that these votes will be at the expense of the People's Party and the Social Democrats and will not be drawn from the Communist Party. He also expects the Communists to make inroads on the Social Democratic Party due to the dissatisfaction which the Brno Congress has produced among Left-wing Social Democrats.

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